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on the advancement of LB 10? Senator Dwite Pedersen, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature. After acceptance of the committee amendments that we just voted on, the bill is nothing like it was before; it has nothing to do with moving the veterans' homes under the Office of Veterans' Affairs; it leave it under Health and Human Services. All the bill does now is lets the administrator of a veterans' home not be a veteran, but must take a look at that first. Basically, require only that preference be given to any applicant who is a veteran. So that's all the bill does now. I am very happy and satisfied with the fact that the executive director directive coming from the Governor's Office will put Mr. Keith Fickenscher in charge of the veterans' homes, as I too, as Senator Schimek has stated, have confidence in him. We need to care and to care for those who probably, without a doubt, have cared more than I have, we need to care about those who care for them. And I want to be on the record as saying we'll watch this very closely to make sure that things go well, and if not advanced to the way they're supposed to be we'll back with this bill again next year. And I want to thank Senator Schimek and her committee and all the people involved, and especially my good friend, Charlie Thiessen, for all the work that has been done on this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. The question is, shall LB 10 be advanced to E & R Initial? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 10.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 10 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Transportation Committee reports LB 157 to General File; LB 38, General File with amendments; LB 234, indefinitely postponed; those reports signed by Senator Bromm. Urban Affairs Committee reports